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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8, 12-13, 15-17, and 19-20.

Please amend claims 9-11, 14 and 18 as follows:

Claim 9. (Amended) A method of suppressing formation of memory cells of the immune system of a mammal in need thereof, comprising administering IL-15 inhibiting or eliminating compounds to the mammal.

Claim 10. (Amended) A method according to claim 9 wherein the memory cells are CD4⁺ T lymphocytes.

Claim 11. (Amended) A method according to claim 9 wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of an anti-IL-15 antibody, anti-IL-15R α antibody, fragments of these antibodies, soluble IL-15R α , fusion proteins comprising soluble IL-15R α and Fc fragment, compounds binding and/or inhibiting functional IL-15 receptor, IL-15 antisense oligonucleotides.

Claim 14. (Amended) A method according to claim 9 for use in the treatment of auto-immune diseases or in treatment before, during or after transplantation.

Claim 18. (Amended) A method according to claim 9 for use in the treatment of immune deficiency diseases or in treatment before, during or after vaccination. -

REMARKS

The present amendments are being made to place the application in a form more suitable for examination in the United States. As such, no new matter is being introduced. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

The specific changes to the specification and the amended claims are shown on a separate set of pages attaches hereto and entitled **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**, which follows the signature page of this Amendment. On this set of pages, insertions are underlined and deletions are struck through.

Please direct any questions concerning the application to the undersigned attorney at the telephone number appearing below.